

# Utah Department of Transportation Traffic Operations Center

February 2012

## Monthly Report



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### TOC Mission

- To Support UDOT and the Department of Public Safety in Improving Highway Safety.
- To Help Provide Reliable and Efficient Travel.
- To Provide Useful and Timely Real-time Traffic Information.
- To Work Together with Other Government Agencies to Serve the Public.
- To Provide Excellent Customer Service.

### Field Devices Summary

Freeway PTZ Cameras	324	Freeway VMS	73
Surface Street PTZ Cameras	331	Surface Street VMS	52
RWIS & Contracted Weather Cameras	148	Portable TOC VMS	6
Viewable Detection Cameras	102	Legacy Trucks Prohibited VMS	21
Total Cameras	905	Total VMS	152
HAR (23 permanent/5 portable)	28	TMS	463
RWIS	74	Traffic Signals Connected to i2TMS	1401
Connected Ramp Meters	55		

### Operations Summary

VMS Messages Displayed (incl. Travel Time)	331,551	IMT Assists	1648
Signal Timing Work Orders	25	Website Visitor Sessions	628,936
R2 Signal Maintenance Work Orders	73	511 Calls	44,448
All New Work Orders	243	Weather Desk Calls	769
Incident Responses by the TOC	600	Ask CommuterLink Questions	45
Incident Duration Average Minutes	67		

## *Operation Highlights*

**Control Room** provided information support for Park City through use of VMS, 511, and web alerts. Events such as the Freestyle World Cup draw large crowds and the planned special event messaging the control room provides helps to reduce congestion and provide valuable parking and event information.

The control room also provided great support for avalanche work being completed in Little Cottonwood Canyon. In addition to standard methods of messaging, two portable VMS were deployed in the canyon.

**Traveler Information** participated in Air Quality messaging discussion with Wasatch Front Regional Council, represented the TOC at the Little Cottonwood Canyon operations meeting, and presented to the Utah Freight Commission regarding UDOT's traveler information services.

**Traffic Signal Operations** hired Adam Lough as the new Region 3 & 4 Signal Engineer. Adam Lough comes to us from Orem City, and has 10 years of experience working with traffic signals. Adam will reside at Region 3, and will supervise the Region 3 and Region 4 traffic signal crews. In addition to signal maintenance, Adam will also work directly with the Traffic Management Division, Regions 3 & 4, local municipalities, and other stakeholders to manage traffic signal timing and coordination, ensuring traffic signal operations in Regions 3 & 4 are world-class. Please join us in welcoming Adam to UDOT.

New signal coordination plans are currently being developed for Bangerter Highway between 7800 South and California Ave; 12300 South between 700 West and 700 East; 2600 South in Bountiful between I-15 and 500 West; and along Redwood Road in Saratoga Springs.

**Travel Mobility** has created new Freeway Travel Time routes in the Wasatch Front, updating the method freeway travel time will be collected and analyzed in the future. The TOC has been measuring travel times manually for several years, but PeMS (Performance Measurement System) will provide automated measurement, more sampled data, and be able to provide travel time information on an as-needed basis. The new system will be evaluated against the manually gathered data for a few months to compare the new and old data gathering methods.

### **ITS Asset Management -**

Twelve signals were connected to the signal control program, five CCTV's and four TMS were integrated and added to the ATMS system this past month.

### **ATMS Maintenance -**

The Field and Lab teams worked with TransCore to resolve problems at the 2100 S at 600 W Highway Advisory Radio site, which is one of the new HAR transmitter sites. The transmitter failure was caused by a manufacturing problem, but several site problems were found while troubleshooting. The antenna connector had separated from the cable, ground plane resistance was high, and the power supply had failed. These problems will be corrected prior to installing a new transmitter.

The Field Team finished helping TxDOT setting up their first Redline ethernet radios, which are now working great. They also replaced 500 feet of failed power circuit wiring at 1300 E and I-215 on I-80. This repairs two CCTV sites. The field team went to St. George to repair a few ATMS problems and perform preventative maintenance on 22 cabinets, 2 VMS and the HAR site in the area. Three newly installed VMS, CCTVs and HARs along I-15 were inspected and a construction punch list prepared as they drove to St. George. They upgraded the LED modules in two VMS signs, leaving only two more signs needing to be upgraded from the 15 degree LEDs to the new 30 degree units. They worked with ITS to troubleshoot and replace the firewall modems in Cedar City and the Provo Canyon maintenance shed.

## *Operation Highlights*

### **ATMS Maintenance cont.**

The Fiber Team Repaired ten junction boxes, held over a dozen field meetings with project fiber subcontractors and the fiber maintenance/repair contractor. Preventative Maintenance was performed on seven Communication Hubs, as well as verifying fiber assignments and counts. Fiber was tested and repaired at eight locations, and three projects were tested.

The Lab Team tested and repaired forty-four ATMS devices. The Lab Team resumed testing and repair for cameras this past month, which will be a big savings to the ATMS Maintenance budget. Preventative Maintenance was performed on two portable HARs. The team upgraded two TMS sites with equipment upgrades, and began testing a new non-intrusive traffic detector that is capable of sensing up to twenty-two lanes.

The Lab Team continued to work with Salt Lake County to resolve traffic signal problems at 7000 S at 2700 W. They are dealing with a defective radio, and fiber disruptions caused by ongoing construction on Bangerter Highway.

### **Region 1**

#### **SR 193 Extension:**

Have had project identification meeting and will work with Region 1 design to include ATMS. Identified need for fiber along route and drops to five signals and two CCTV cameras. We are awaiting advertisement.

#### **I-15; SR126 to US-91:**

This project has been advertised and awarded to Flatiron construction. This project is near completion.

#### **I-15; I-84 interchange to SR-30:**

This project has been awarded to Multiple Concrete Enterprises Inc. This project is near completion. The ATMS contractor has installed a single ground mounted HVAC unit that now has to be replaced by two wall mount HVAC units. Mitigation of punch list items is ongoing.

#### **I-15; SR-30 to the Idaho State line:**

This project is being designed by PineTop Engineering and is ready to advertise.

#### **Logan City Main Street Integration:**

This project was advertised, however, was 10 % over the engineers estimate and had to have approximately \$35,000 infused to award. This project has been awarded to SCI.

## *ITS Deployment Highlights*

### **Region 2**

#### **SR-154; Bangerter Highway 5400 South to 9000 South Fiber**

This project includes upgrading the fiber optic cable and conduit on Bangerter Highway to a consistent 72 strand cable and 1-D conduit system between 5400 South and 9000 South. This project is currently under construction in coordination with the 6200 South, 7000 South, and 7800 South design-build project.

#### **13400 South; 4000 West to Mountain View Corridor**

This is a Riverton City project that will widen 13400 South to seven lanes between Bangerter Highway and Mountain View Corridor. This project will also include a 72 strand fiber-optic cable to connect backbone lines on Bangerter and Mountain View Corridor and interconnect for 2 traffic signals on 13400 South. Construction on this project has begun.

#### **SR-89 (State Street) 8000 South to 6400 South**

This project includes roadway widening and reconstruction from 8000 South to 6400 South. 2D conduit will be installed in the reconstruction area from 8000 South to 6400 South and 48 strand fiber will be installed between splice points at 9000 South and 6400 south. Construction on this project has begun. No ATMS devices have been installed to-date.

### **Region 3**

-SR-73; Redwood Rd to Ranches - Generated a plan to install fiber optic cable in the existing conduit, and adding CCTV's at 800 West and also at Ranches intersections. Need to resolve about 1900 Ft of damaged conduit before proceeding.

-2100 North Lehi (MVC) – Fiber optic cable installed and operational. Began 30 day burn-in on CCTV's

Univ Pkwy; US-89 to 800 East – Upgraded the project's fiber optic cable count to 144 strands.

### **Region 4**

#### **St. George:**

Design work for the River Road and Telegraph connection has been completed. Hidden Peak Electric has won the bid.

#### **VMS at I-70 & I-15:**

The Quest issue has been resolved. There still needs to have some minor integration and removal of CDMA's is still required. Wire theft issues are being mitigated.

#### **VMS on I-15 from Scipio to St. George:**

The advertisement has been awarded to Black & McDonald DBA Custom Lighting SE for \$899,763.41. Pre-construction has taken place and construction has been completed. Integration is ongoing.

### ITS Standards and Specifications:

Revisions to AT 09 and 13561 in order to specify “non blade type” power shut off switches were brought to discussion.

### Procurement:

One vendor qualified to provide fiber optic cable and accessories, a contract will be issued.

The RFI for H.A.R. failed to produce desired results.

Discussions on the best method to purchase ATMS/RWIS trailers were held.

### Consultant Contracting:

Mike processed On Call Task Order requests for the TOC Project Managers.

Consultant contracting processes that include WTOs, renewals, and progress payments continued.

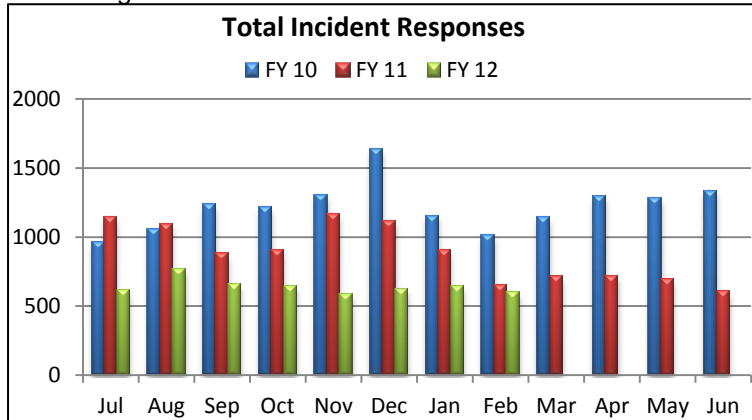
Visited the 13400 South, widening project site to observe line and placement of 1D conduit.

Visited the Little Cottonwood Canyon, 4 wheel drive or chains required, signs to look at the antenna set ups for possible improvements.

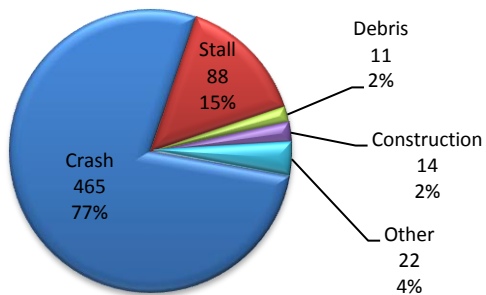
### Acronyms

<b>CCTV</b> Closed Circuit Television	<b>I2TMS</b> Integrated Interagency Traffic Management System
<b>RWIS</b> Road-Weather Information System	<b>TOC</b> Traffic Operations Center
<b>DPS</b> Department of Public Safety	<b>VMS</b> Variable Message Sign
<b>TMS</b> Traffic Monitoring Station	<b>ITS</b> Intelligent Transportation System
<b>HAR</b> Highway Advisory Radio	<b>TMD</b> Traffic Management Division

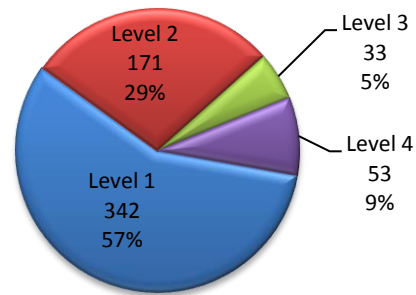
An incident response occurs each time an incident is recorded in the ATMS system. These can be of several types, including crash, construction, debris, stall, congestion, or other. Crashes are separated into three subcategories: property damage, personal injury, and fatal. Each time an incident is created, information is sent to the 511 system, the website, and to the public through email alerts. An incident remains active until it has been completely cleared from the roadway.



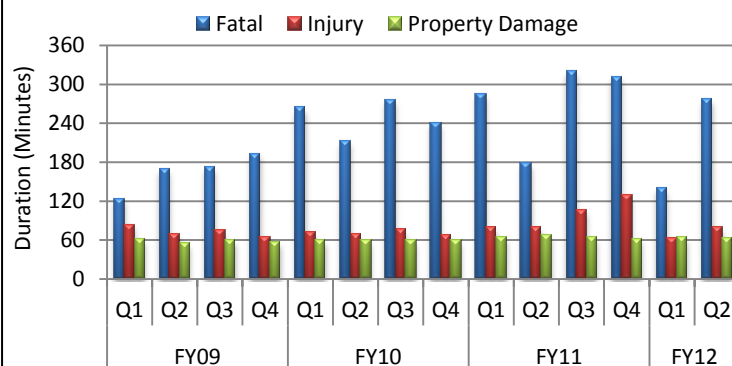
**Incidents By Type for February 2012**



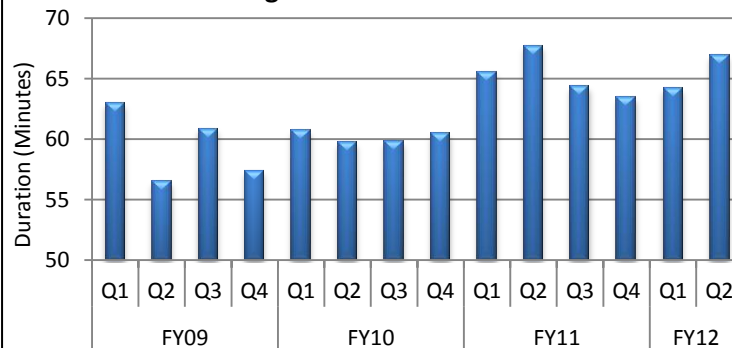
**Incidents By Severity for February 2012**



**Average Crash Duration**



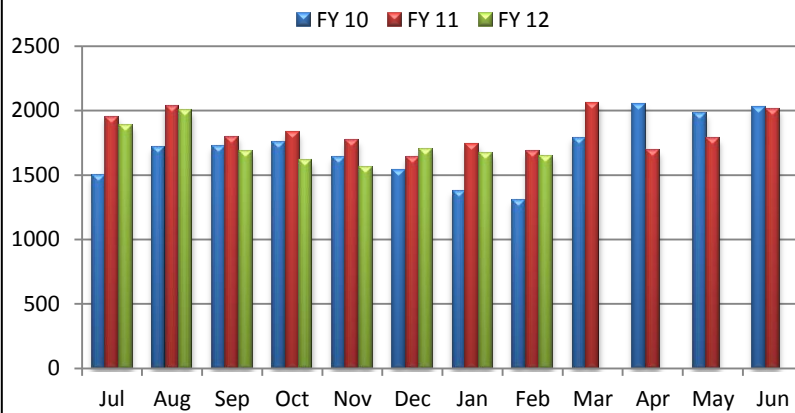
**Average Duration of All Crashes**



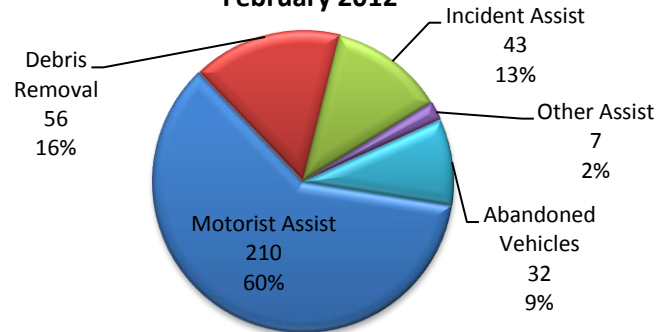


## Incident Management Team (IMT) Activities

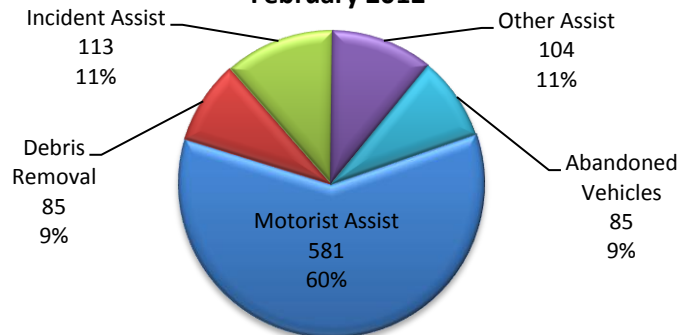
**Total IMT Activity (Assists and Abandoned Vehicles)**



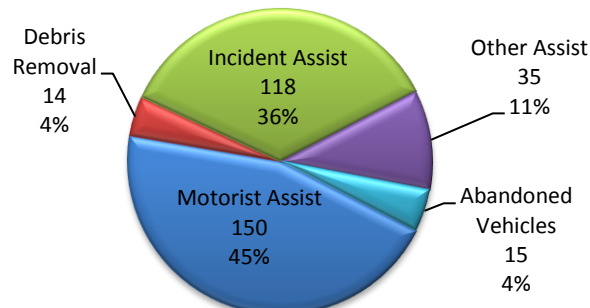
**IMT Activities by Type for UDOT Region 1  
February 2012**



**IMT Activities by Type for UDOT Region 2  
February 2012**



**IMT Activities by Type for UDOT Region 3  
February 2012**



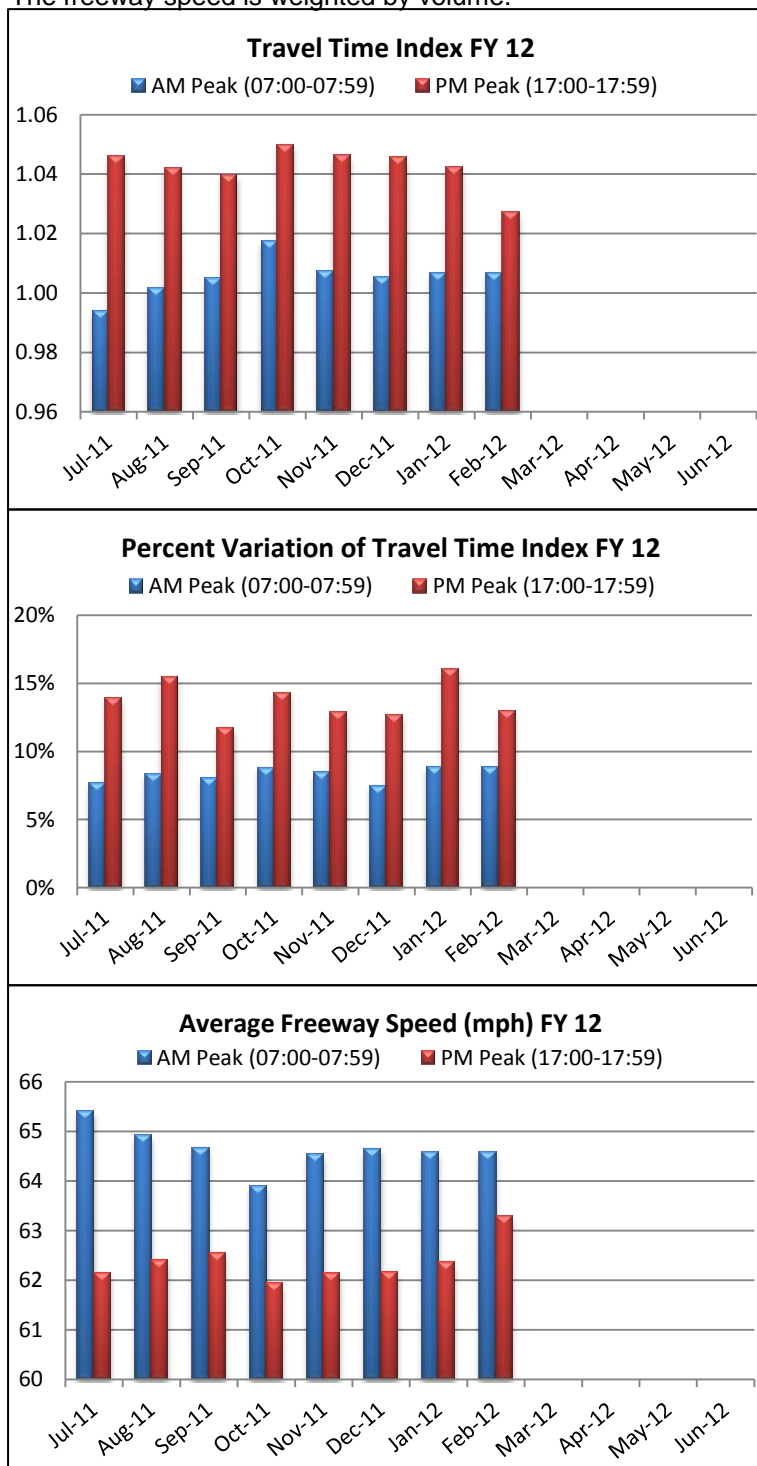
## Freeway Traffic Level of Service

Freeway flow measures are taken from the Traffic Monitoring Stations (TMS) located throughout the Wasatch Front. As more TMS sites are installed throughout the state, they will be included in these performance measures.

**Travel Time Index:** This measure of mobility is based on freeway speeds and is weighted by segment lengths and by the traffic volume. A value of 1.0 represents free-flow speeds. A value of 1.12 indicates that the average vehicle trip takes 12% longer than if that were the only vehicle on the freeway.

**Percent Variation of Travel Time Index:** The percent variation in the Travel Time Index is a measure of how much the Travel Time Index changes from day-to-day.

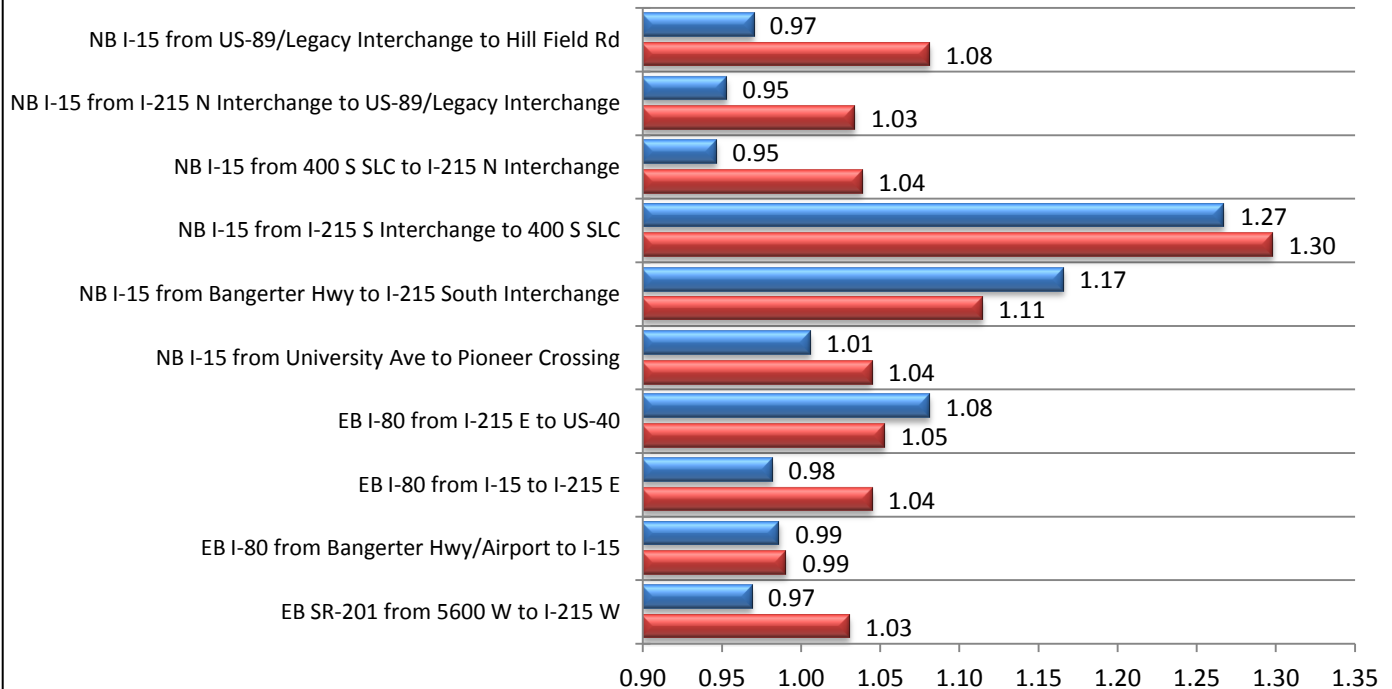
**Average Freeway Speed:** The freeway speed is weighted by volume.





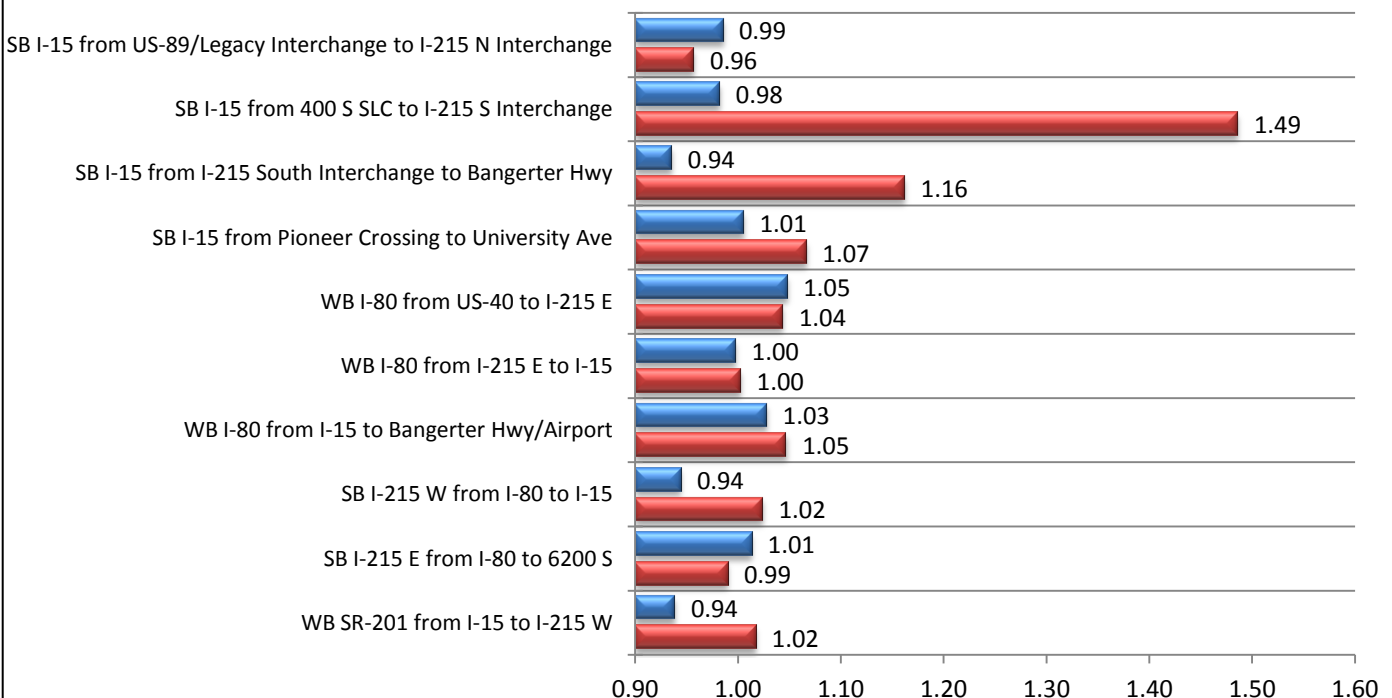
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**Top 10 Peak Travel Time Index by Segment for February 2012**

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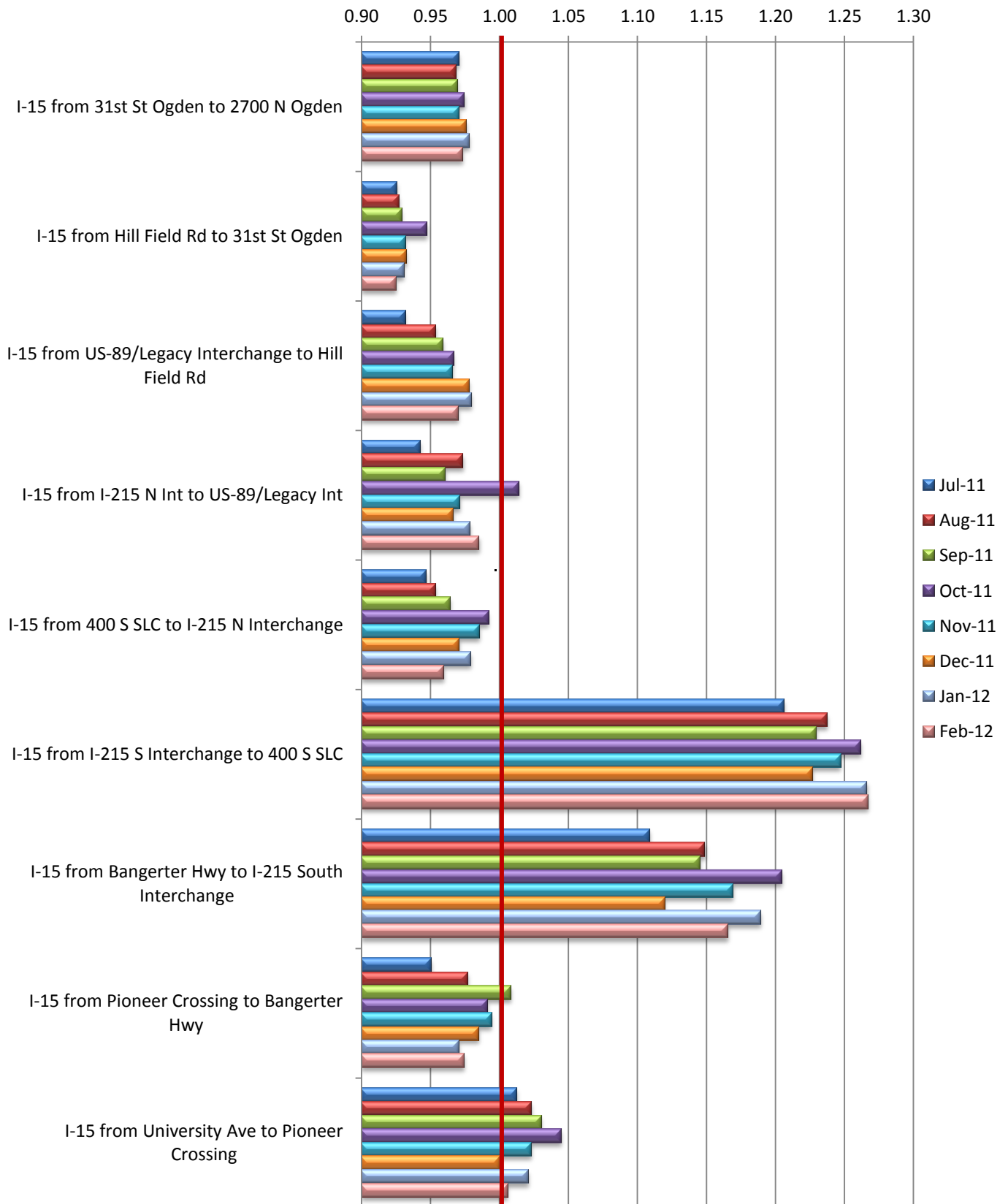


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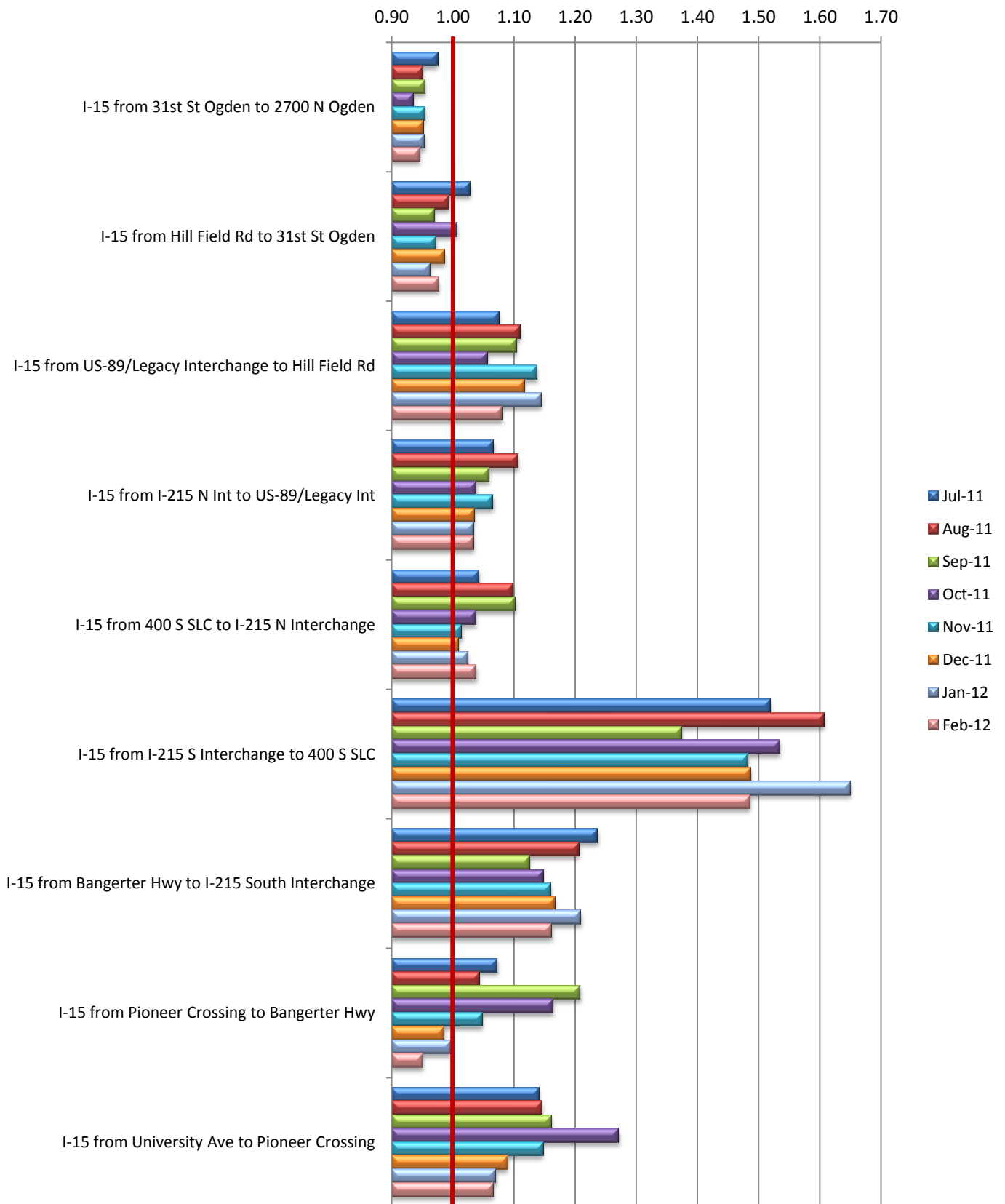
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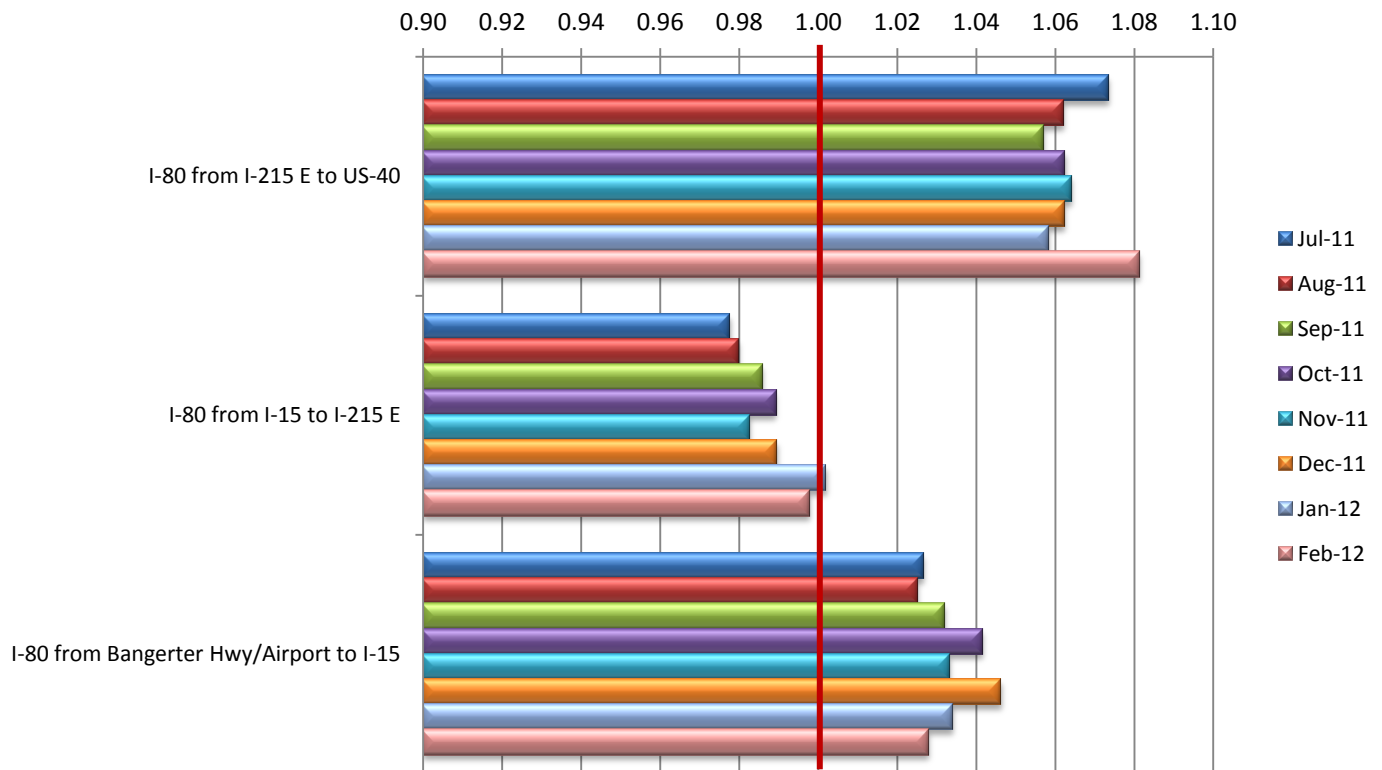
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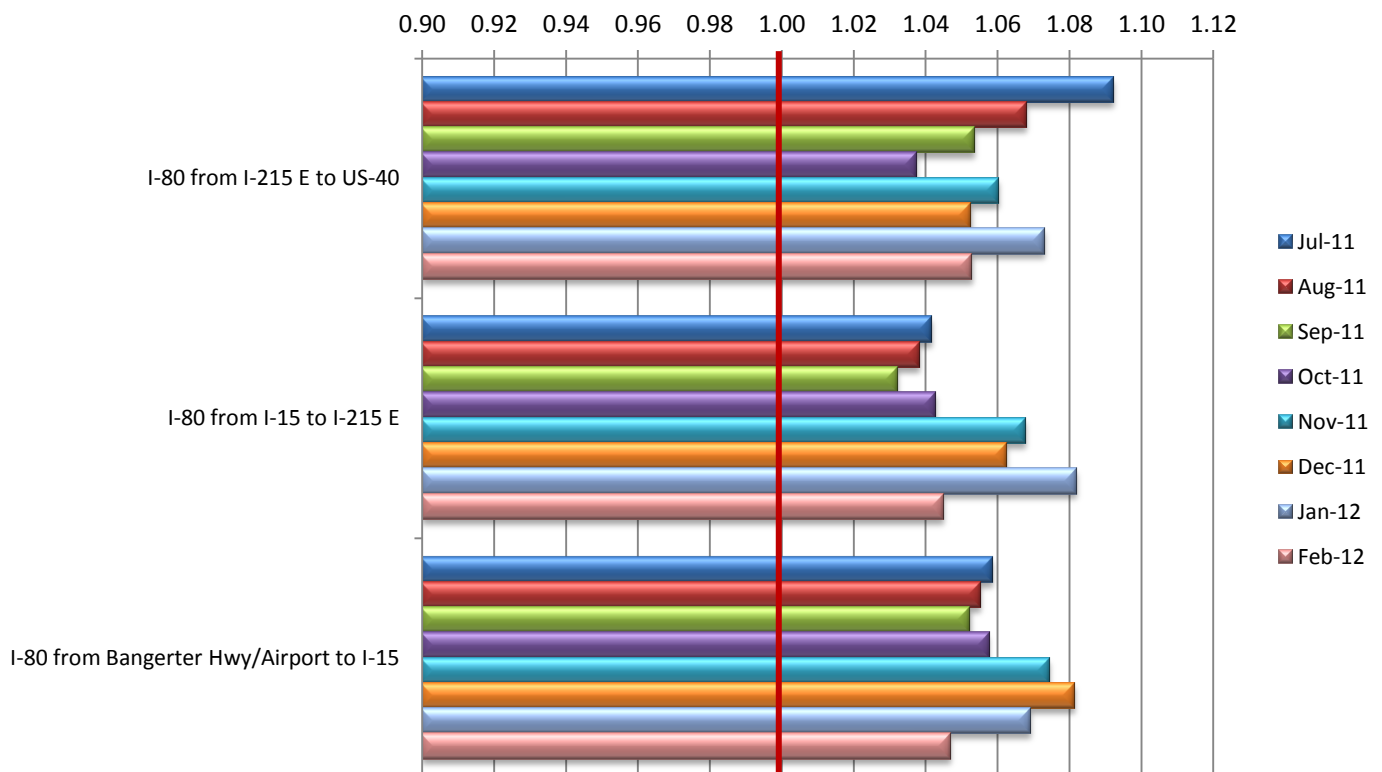
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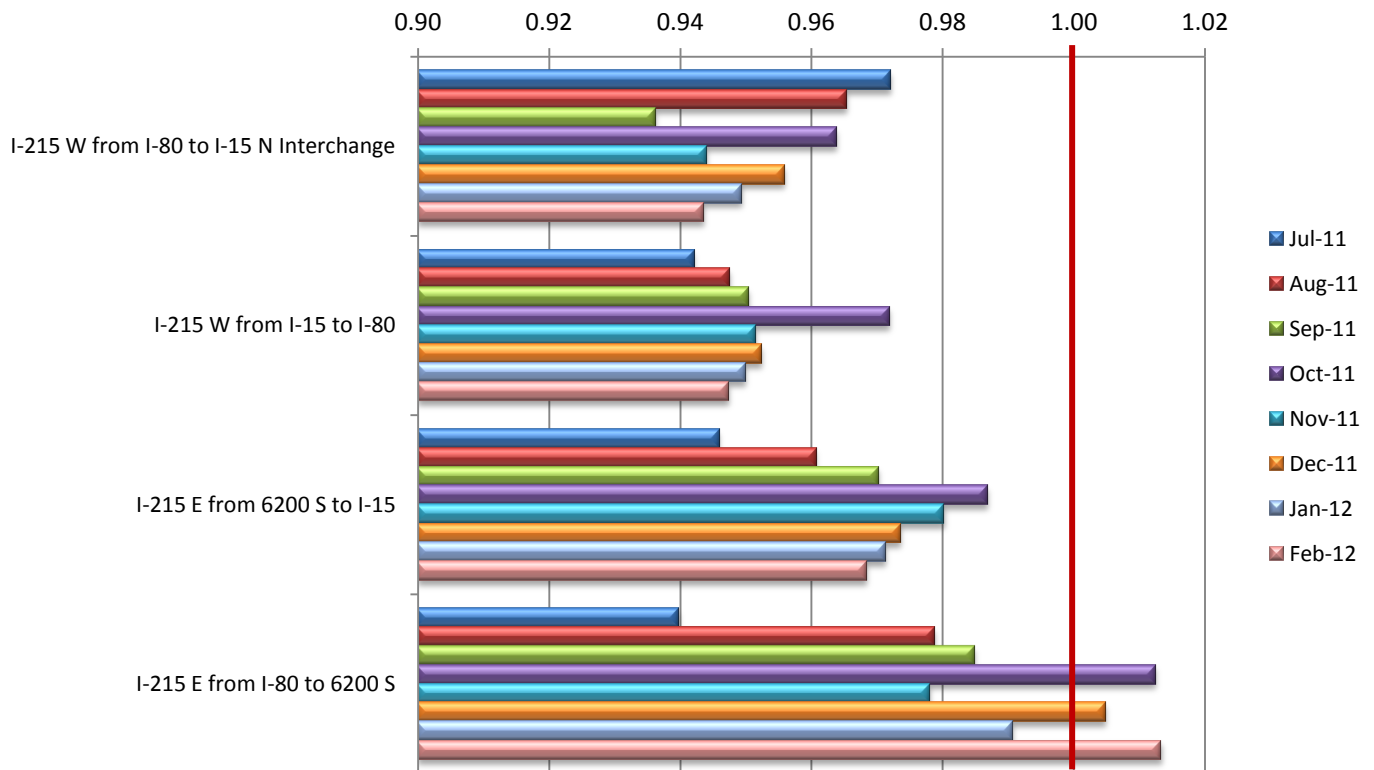
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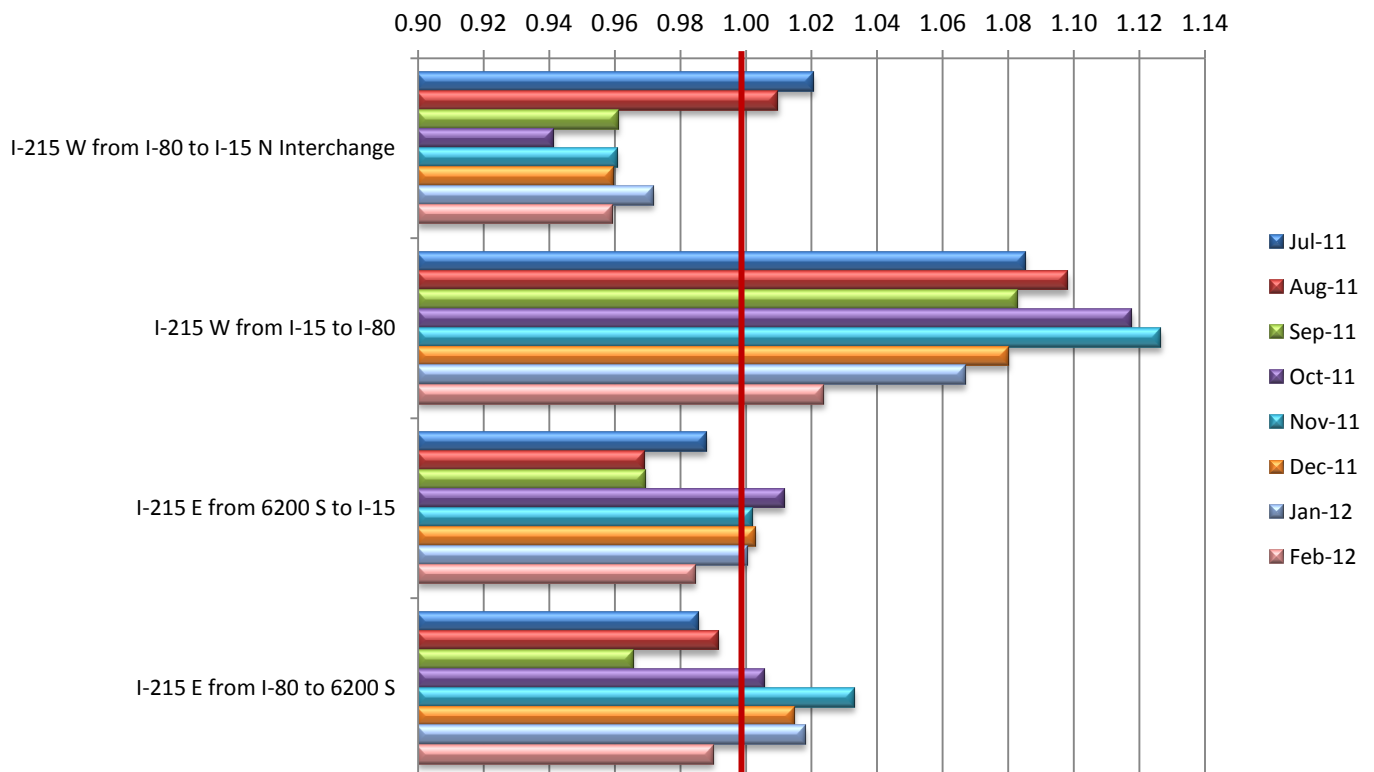
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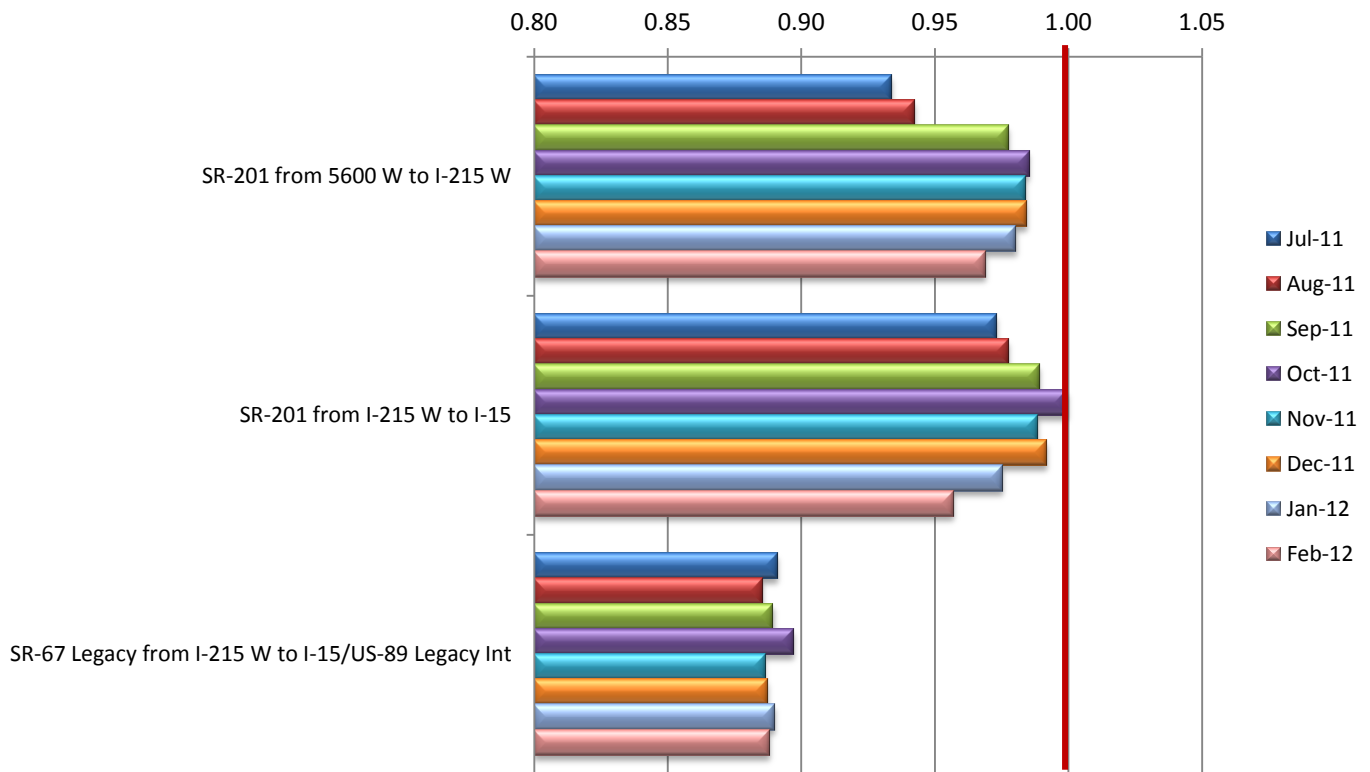
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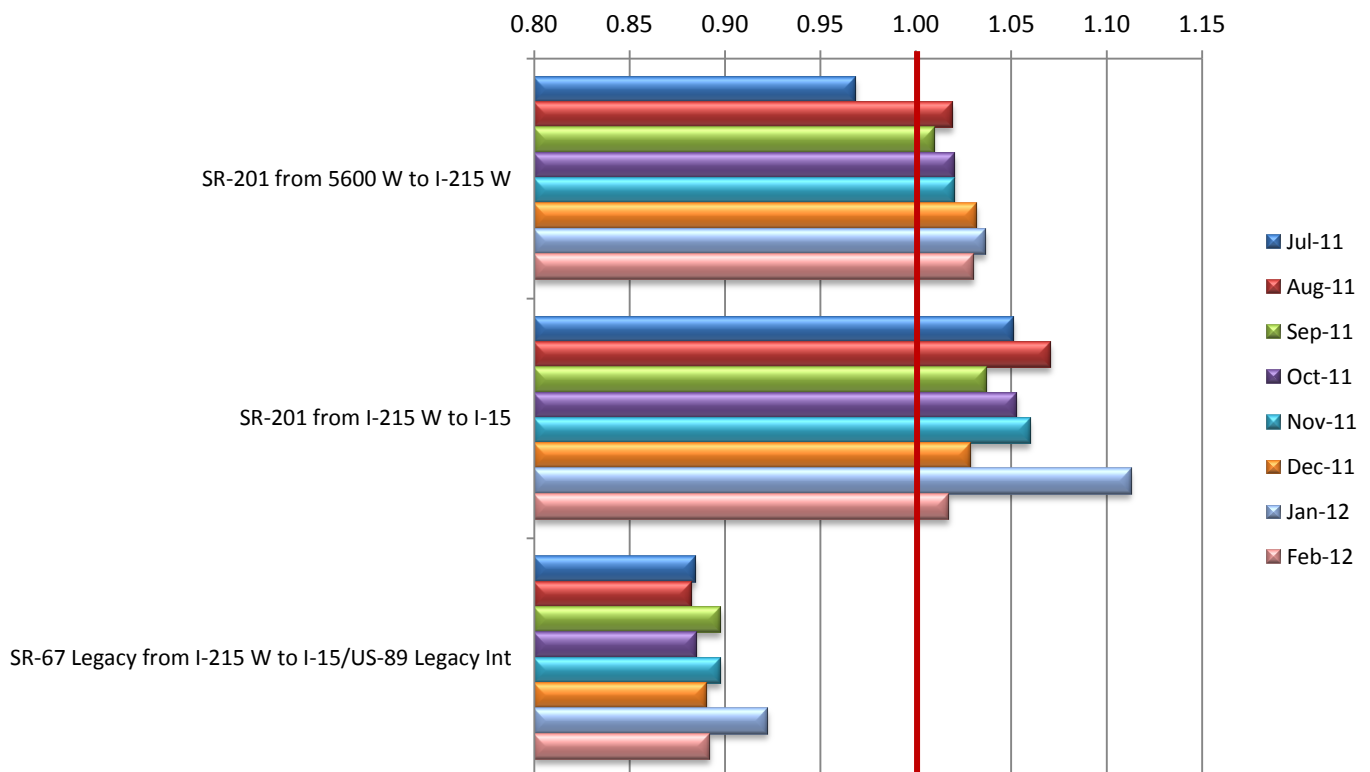
## PM Peak Travel Time Index for I-215 FY 12



## AM Peak Travel Time Index for SR-201 and SR-67 Legacy Hwy FY 12



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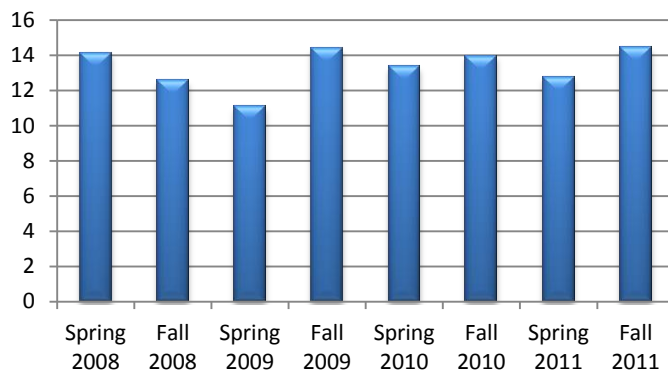


## Surface Street Traffic Level of Service

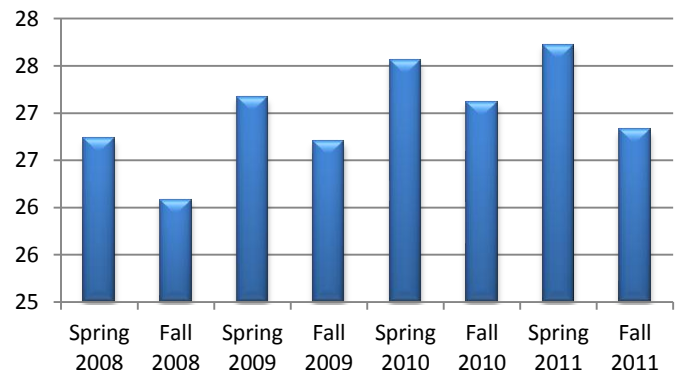
The surface street traffic statistics are generated through a series of Travel Time measurements. These are conducted using a special equipped vehicle which measures the average travel time, the average percent of intersections at which a vehicle must stop, the average time stopped at an intersection, and the average speed. The Traffic Systems Section gathers these measurements from Regions 1, 2, 3, and 4 twice each year. The chart in the lower right hand corner shows the number of incidents where traffic signal timing was modified in order to help traffic flow around closed lanes, or to help relieve excessive congestion.

The following charts illustrate data gathered during semi-annual timing runs.

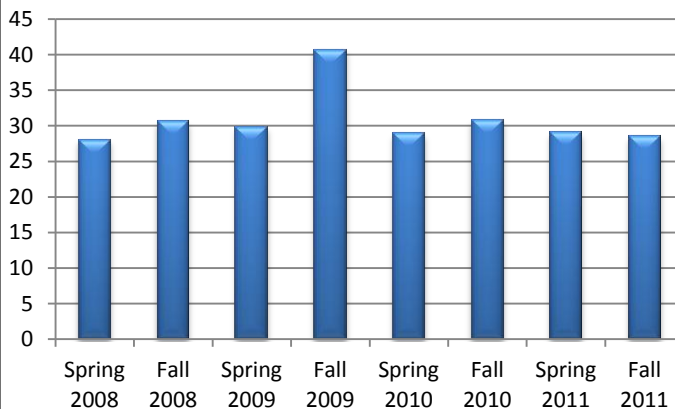
**Average Intersection Delay on Arterial Streets**  
(Seconds per vehicle per Intersection)



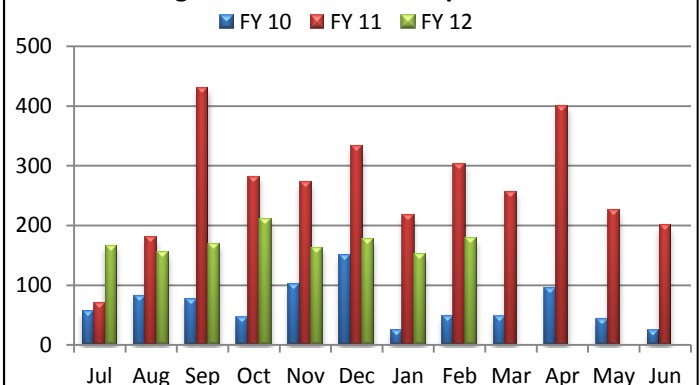
**Average Speed on Arterial Streets**  
(miles per hour)



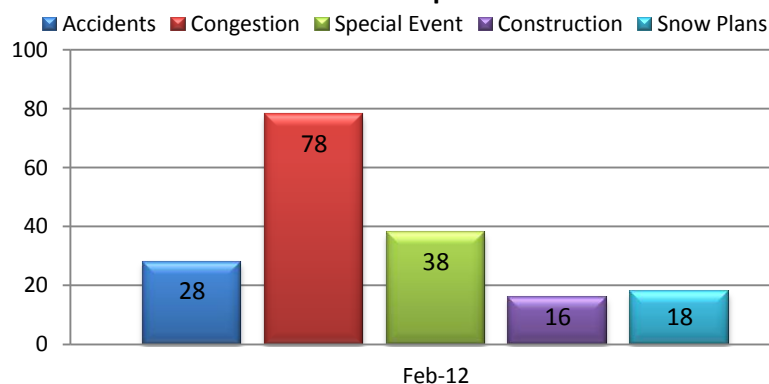
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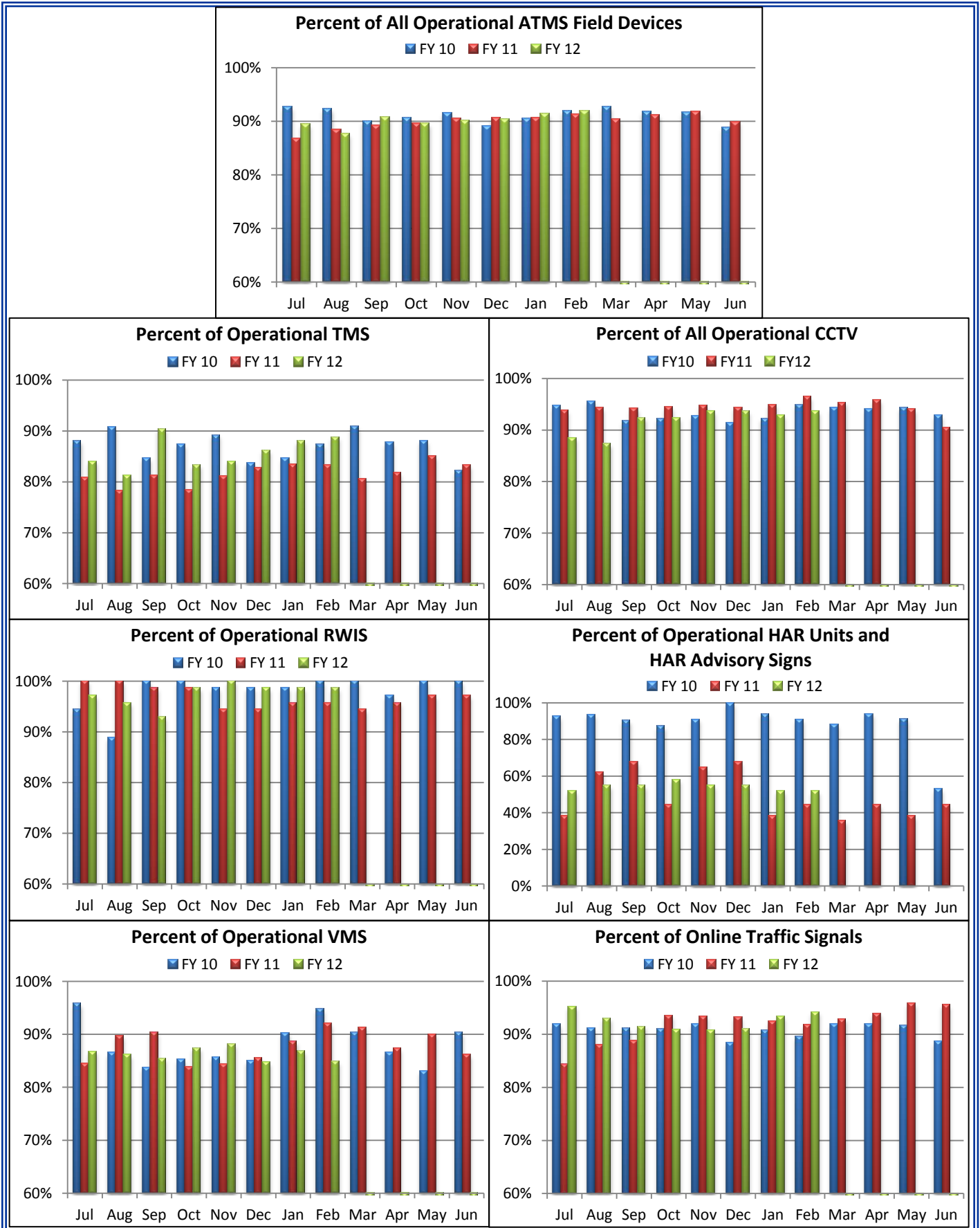
**Number of Incidents where Traffic Signal Timing was Utilized as a Response Tool**



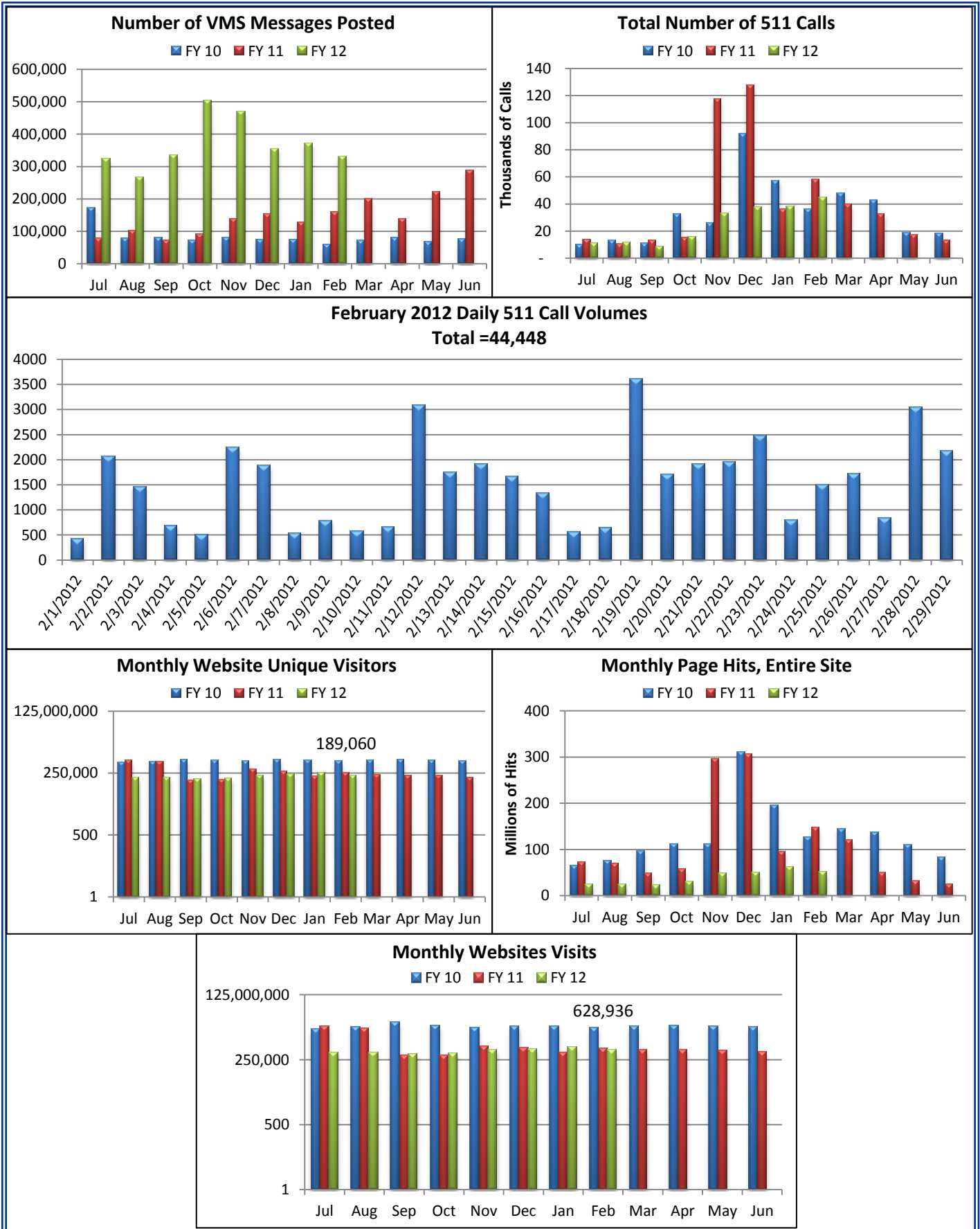
**Incidents by Type where Traffic Signal Timing was Utilized as a Response Tool**



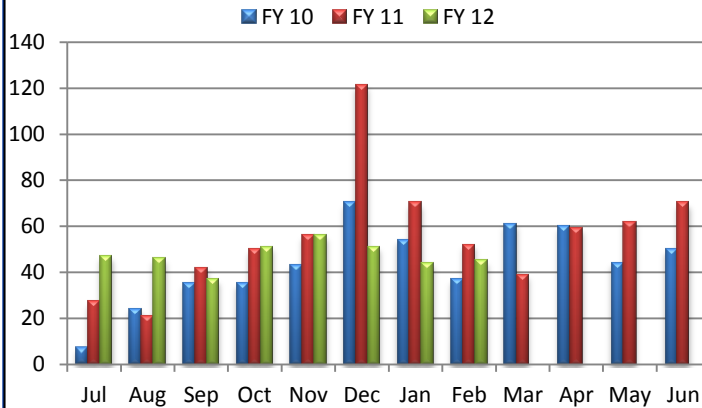




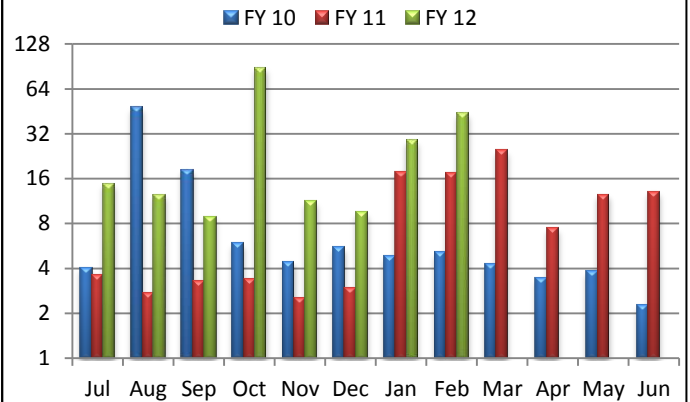
## Traveler Information



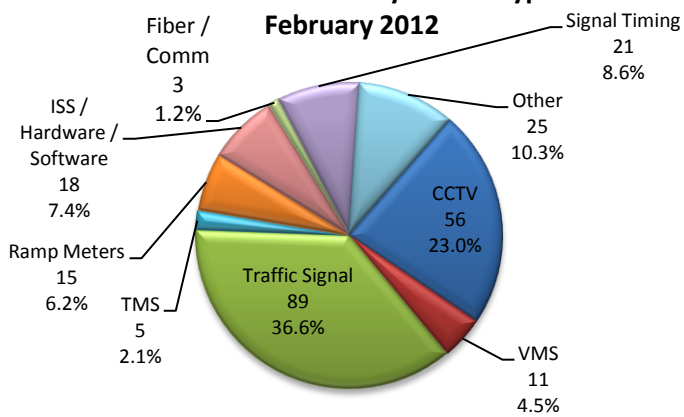
## Number of "Ask CommuterLink" Questions



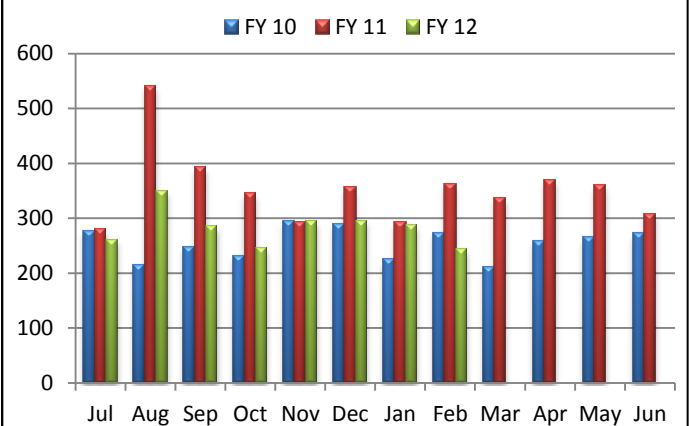
## Overall Average Work Order Turnaround Days



## New Work Orders by Device Type February 2012



## Number of New Work Orders



## Work Order Statistics by Group - February 2012

Total New = 243, Closed = 390, Open = 10

